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SUBJECT: LOS: BIOGRAPHIC SUPPORT FOR THIRD UN CONFERENCE ON LOS

REF: STATE 27826

1. FONMIN CHEF DE SERVICE TENGUE, INFORMED EMBOFF FEBRUARY 12 THAT GOCAR WHICH ALMOST TOTALLY PRE-OCCUPIED WITH PREPARATIONS FOR FRANCOPHONE CHIEFS OF STATE CONFERENCE AT BANGUI MARCH 5-6 HAD NOT YET FOCUSED ON UPCOMING THIRD LOS CONFERENCE AT GENEVA. IN THIS CONNECTION AS A LANDLOCKED COUNTRY WITH LIMITED RESOURCES AND FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS, GOCAR HAS SHOWN LITTLE CONCERN FOR LOS ISSUES IN PAST, AND TO EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, HAS TO DATE NOT BEEN REPRESENTED AT LOS MEETINGS.

2. TENGUE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF GOCAR DID DECIDE TO SEND DELEGATION, CAR AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND ROGER-MAGLOIRE BOMBA, WHO HAS DUAL ACCREDITATION TO UN HEAD-QUARTERS AT GENEVA, WOULD BE CHIEF OF DELEGATION. POSSIBLY ONE OR TWO OTHERS FROM CAR FONMIN WOULD ALSO ATTEND LOS MEETINGS.

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3. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON BOMBA FOLLOWS. APPOINTED CAR'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND JULY 14, 1973. AS REPORTED A-81, AUGUST 25, 1973 (NOTAL) BOMBA PREVIOUSLY HELD SEVERAL FAIRLY IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN FONMIN AND IS PROBABLY ONE OF GOCAR'S BETTER PROFESSIONALS IN FIELD FOREIGN AFFAIRS EVEN THOUGH HE HAS NOT SERVED REGULARLY AT DIPLOMATIC POSTS ABROAD. (ALTHOUGH NAMED AMBASSADOR TO ITALY IN MARCH 1972, HE APPARENTLY NEVER TOOK UP HIS POST.) FROM MAY 1972 UNTIL APPOINTMENT TO BERN POSITION BOMBA SERVED AS DIRECTOR POLITICAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS IN FONMIN. IN SEPTEMBER 1972 HE WAS NAMED ROVING AMBASSADOR ADDITIONALLY.

4. BOMBA HAS ATTENDED UNGA REGULARLY SINCE 1969 AS CAR DELEGATION MEMBER AND HAS BEEN FREQUENT PARTICIPANT IN OAU MEETINGS AND HAS ACCOMPANIED HIGH-LEVEL CAR DELEGATIONS TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

5. BOMBA VISITED US IN SEPTEMBER 1965 ON LEADER GRANT. HE HAS BEEN FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL IN RELATIONS WITH EMBASSY BANGUI OFFICERS AND SEEMS WELL-DISPOSED TOWARD US. HE SPEAKS FLUENT FRENCH AND SOME ENGLISH.

6. BOMBA WAS BORN OCTOBER 18, 1936. IN 1967 HE ATTENDED SIX-MONTHS COURSE IN DIPLOMACY AT GENEVA UNDER UN AUSPICES. DALE

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